



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
112 East State Street**

August 16, 2012

5:00 p.m.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tony Abbott	Chatham County	x
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	
John Chapman	City of Savannah	x
Gerald Cook	City of Bloomingdale	
Philip Cooper	Chatham County	
Mark Egan	Chatham County	x
John Getty	City of Tybee Island	x
Phyllis Hardeman	Town of Thunderbolt	
Elizabeth Hilliard	City of Savannah	
Paula Kreissler	City of Savannah	x
Helen McCracken	Town of Thunderbolt	
Christopher Middleton	City of Savannah	
Larry Miles	City of Savannah	
Patrick J. O'Brien, Jr.	City of Savannah	
Harris Odell	Chatham County	
Deborah Rauers	City of Savannah	x
Linda M. Smith	City of Port Wentworth	
Joe Steffen	Chatham County	
Martin Sullivan	Chatham County	
Dale Thorpe	Chatham County	
Vacant	City of Bloomingdale	
Vacant	Chatham County	
Vacant	City of Garden City	
Vacant	City of Garden City	
Vacant	City of Pooler	
Vacant	City of Pooler	
Vacant	City of Port Wentworth	
Vacant	City of Tybee Island	
Vacant	Town of Vernonburg	
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Others Present

Representing

Michael Adams	MPO	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Barbara Settzo	for MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO	X
Julie Yawn	MPO	X

Mr. Mark Egan called the meeting to order and welcomed the new committee members, appointed by the City of Savannah.

I. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

CAC Action: the motion to approve the agenda carried with none opposed.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of April 19, 2012 meeting minutes

Because there had been no quorum at the June 21st CAC meeting, there were no minutes for June, and the April minutes remain to be approved.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting.

CAC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Highway Program Updates

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the staff report. She gave a brief overview of the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. It was agreed that Ms. Wang would report on changes to the Highway Program and Transit section of the TIP at one time.

There are two projects in the Highway Program that have updates. The first is the I-95 Southbound Welcome Center. Construction funds were authorized for this project but GDOT has not let it yet. Too much time has passed and the plans are out of date. A small amount of funding for Preliminary Engineering is proposed to be programmed in the TIP so that the plans can be updated and the project can be let.

The second project is the Brampton Road connector project. Additional funding is proposed to be included in the TIP for GDOT's oversight and review of the project.

The transit amendments are necessary to replace the partial funding figures with the newly released full funding figures in Sections 5307, 5316 and 5317 transit programs in TIP. Also in the Section 5309 program the amendment is necessary to show the grant funds CAT received to purchase and maintain buses.

Mr. Egan asked why the Welcome Center project needs to be updated. Ms. Wang does not know for sure why this project was put on the shelf. There was a general discussion about the workings of federal funding and federal requirements, and the definition of "update". It is GDOT, not the MPO that does the updating.

Following committee discussion, Mr. Egan opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2013-2016 TIP Highway Program updates.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2013-2016 TIP Highway Program updates carried with one opposed.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2013-2016 TIP Transit section amendments.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2012-2016 TIP Transit section amendments carried with one opposed.

III. Status Reports

A. 2010 Census Savannah Urbanized Area

Ms. Wang presented the status report. The 2010 Census Savannah Urbanized Area has an impact on the MPO boundaries and the planning funding for the MPO. Currently, our MPO does transportation planning for all Chatham County even though the entire county is not considered an urbanized area. With the 2010 census, a part of Bryan County and a part of Effingham County have been included in the urbanized area. The MPO's share of federal funds is based on designated urbanized area, although the MPO planning area is bigger than the urbanized area. Staff is investigating how much more of Bryan County and Effingham County should be included in the MPO planning boundary.

Ms. Wang confirmed that the MPO planning area is required to include the federally designated urbanized area, but the MPO also is expected to include area that is anticipated to be urbanized within the next twenty years.

B. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)

Ms. Jane Love presented the staff report. This legislation replaces the previous surface transportation legislation known as SAFETEA-LU. This legislation establishes the federal transportation funds for the next two years. Ms. Love highlighted differences from the previous legislation which affect the highway program and transit program, metropolitan planning, and environmental streamlining. Specifics are provided in the written staff report sent to committee members prior to the meeting. Also, MAP-21 contains no earmarks, unlike previous authorizations.

IV. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports at this time. Committee members are reminded to submit questions in advance to the MPO staff if they wish any report or information from an agency about any project.

V. Other Business

No other business at this time.

VI. Public Comments

There were no other public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

The next CAC meeting will be on October 18, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

VIII. Other non-agenda information

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the committee, the April 19, 2012 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner